



NELLY'S

Nelly's Nursery

Safeguarding Newsletter

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Safeguarding is everyone's business

At Nelly's Nursery, you will never be wrong or criticised for reporting a safeguarding concern. You can speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) whenever you have a question or concern.

Your DSLs

At Nelly's, we have a DSL or Deputy DSL on site at all times. Their photos are on the safeguarding poster near the entrance. We always encourage you to speak to a DSL if you have any concerns or questions.

All of our staff complete regular Safeguarding Training to a minimum of Level 2. We all participate in annual refreshers, as well as Local Authority Safeguarding webinars to ensure our training and skills are up to date.



Charlotte Sumner
Deputy Manager
DSL



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Sun Safety



As the weather gets brighter, we ask that you provide your child with a labelled sun hat and appropriate clothing that covers their shoulders. We encourage the use of 'bucket-style' hats or hats with a neck cover, rather than baseball caps, to help protect children's skin.

We provide sun cream for the children, and staff can let you know which brand we use. If you would like to bring in your own sun cream, we ask that it is SPF 50, with a 4 or 5 star UVA/UVB rating.

At Nelly's, we hold a Sun Safe Nurseries accreditation. We take UV levels seriously and do not rely on guesswork. We use the Met Office and BBC weather forecasts to help keep children safe.

When UV levels are 3–5, children will be allowed outside wearing sun cream and hats, with plenty of water available.

When UV levels reach 5, children will be encouraged to play in the shade more than usual, again wearing sun cream and hats.

When UV levels reach 6 or higher, we do not go outside.

Water Safety

Summer is always welcome in the UK. However, it is a sad fact that incidents of drowning increase during the summer months. Around 47% of accidental drownings occur between May and August, and recent child drowning data highlights that a lack of adult supervision is a key factor in many incidents.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK has useful information and resources for parents and carers to help keep children safe in and around water.

[watersafetyforfamilies_web_2023.pdf](#)



Using a Car Seat

UK law states that in any car, van, or goods vehicle:

- Children **MUST** use a child car seat from birth until they are 12 years old or reach 135cm tall, whichever comes first.
- You must use the correct car seat for your child's age, height and weight. Different classes of car seats are available for newborns, toddlers, and older children.

Not only will using the correct car seat for your child give them the best possible protection in the event of a crash, but it will also ensure that they are comfortable on short and long trips.

At Nelly's, we have a duty to ensure that all parents and carers are using car seats when dropping off or collecting the children.

For more information about car seats, please see the RAC's guide for parents:

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/road-safety/car-seat-laws>



Car Parking

When using the car park, please ensure you are parking safely and in a designated parking space. Please do not park or stop in the middle of the car park, as this can prevent other cars from entering and leaving.

We have plenty of space to store pushchairs and prams, so please consider walking to nursery if this is an option for you.

Thank you

Holidays and Absences

With the summer holidays approaching, please make sure you log any absences or holidays for your children. This helps us to keep our registers up to date. All absences, planned and unplanned, must be reported to the nursery as early as possible. You can do this via email, a message on Family, or a phone call, and we will then log it correctly on our registers.

When we are not notified of an absence, we will contact the primary contact(s) and emergency contact(s) to establish why your child is absent. If, after several failed attempts, we are unable to get in touch with you, we may report the absence to the police and request a safe and well check. We hope that we will seldom be in this situation.

Safe Sleep

At Nelly's, all staff working with children aged 3 years and under have completed Safe Sleep training, and this is reviewed annually to ensure skills and knowledge are up to date.



One change that we are implementing, in light of the new guidance, is around the use of comforters.

We will still put children to sleep with their comforters, as we appreciate how important these can be. Once children are asleep and have been transferred into a cot or onto a bed, the comforter will be removed to ensure their faces are not covered at any point. Please ensure that any comforters, such as blankets, are in good condition, with no rips or tears.

We are also asking parents to ensure that any sleep bags they provide meet UK safety standards: BS EN 16781:2018. Sleep bags should also be changed throughout the year to ensure the correct tog rating is being used.

For more information about Safe Sleep, please see the Lullaby Trust's website for guidance: <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/baby-safety/safer-sleep-information/safer-sleep-overview/>

